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A MASSACHUSETTS paper suggests that if the republicans nominate Edmunds for the Presidency, the democrats had better put up Charles Francis Adams and make it a freezing campaign on both sides.

A PUBLIC highway law has been put in force in Florida. Under it every citizen is compelled to perform on the roads six days' work in each year, and a failure to do the labor or pay equivalent in cash, which the law fixes at 50 cents per day, is made a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment.

VANDERBILT'S GRAND fancy dress ball at his New York mansion the other night, cost \$100,000. The next day the engineers on one of his railroads were informed that in future they must work twelve hours a day, instead of ten, their pay remaining the same. It is necessary for the rich to economize in some way to make up for their extravagance. Vanderbilt will soon make his engineers pay the expenses of the ball.

THE NEW YORK Herald fund for the relief of sufferers by the floods on the Ohio River, amounting to more than \$52,000, has been collected by the Herald and distributed by its representatives at its own expense. Particularly needy cases, which have perchance escaped the eyes of the various charitable committees, have been sought out and aid has been given where it would do the most good, and relieve the greatest suffering. A great amount of work has been done and well done.

THE MAJORITY in the Illinois house of representatives in favor of the bill inflicting whipping as a punishment for wife-beaters, was seventy-seven. Slowly but surely this humane method of treating inhuman wretches is coming into vogue. The whipping-post seems the only adequate punishment for the brutes, who maltreat their wives. As there are some alleged men in Utah who indulge in wife-beating it would be well enough for the coming legislature to place the territory in the front rank of those that furnish this protection to wives.

THE GROWTH of the telephone business is wonderful; indeed. It is only about six years ago that a telephone was exhibited as a curiosity with perhaps a future. Then scientific men experimented upon it, and it was gradually perfected and brought into common use. Now there are more than 250,000 instruments in use. The company which owns and runs them is an immense corporation of ten millions of dollars capital. A telephone is now an every day necessity, and we can only wonder how we ever managed to get along without them.

CHIEF-JUSTICE CARTER, of the District of Columbia supreme court, has not a high regard for men and their love for money. In a will contest tried before him, a lawyer remarked that "the making of a will was one of the most noble acts of a man's life." Carter denied this in somewhat emphatic language, concluding as follows: "If a man could take his possessions with him, all the property of earth would now be either in heaven or hell." In the eyes of the justice the compulsory abandonment of property robs the act of disposing of it by will of all nobility.

It is evident that Salt Lake will be compelled to immediately deal with the tramp question. On several occasions heretofore the city has been under the necessity of acting vigorously in the suppression of the nuisance, and the time has come for another application of the corporation power in the premises. The town is literally crowded by dirty, thieving, lazy vagabonds, who seem to have gathered in here at this time by some mutual arrangement. Where they came from nobody seems to know, for other places have noted no diminution in their numbers; but their object here all should understand. It is to beg and steal, if not to garrote and burglarize. If citizens are wise they will maintain careful watch on their premises during daytime and at night place everything movable under lock and key. A little energy and earnestness on the part of the police and police magistrate will soon scatter the disreputable mob, and restore a degree of confidence to people. There is nothing the genuine tramp so much dislikes as work, and it so happens that the labor remedy can be applied with ease in this city. The streets need an abundance of the muscle of which the tramps are so well supplied. Let a few examples be made of the thieving, loafing gentry, and the others will take fright.

THE Hebrew Leader, a prominent newspaper organ of the ancient people, enters an earnest complaint against papers needlessly and injudiciously specifying the religion of the Hebrews whenever one of their people is referred to in print, the appellation "Jew" being almost invariably employed. The Leader suggests that the people of no other religious faith are so treated. If it be an error it is one of ignorance rather than of intent, for newspapers do not speak of Jews in a derisive or insulting sense, but merely as a peculiar people, as they certainly are. Not many know the difference between the terms "Hebrew" and "Jew," the majority of moderately well-informed editors using them synonymously. Newspapers refer to Jews as they do to Scotchmen, Germans or Frenchmen, and not with any intention of referring to the religion of the Hebrews.

OUT of a total population of about fifty millions, there were in 1880 a little over a quarter of a million of people insane, idiotic, blind, and deaf and dumb in the United States. In every million of population there were 1,834 victims of insanity, 1,533 idiots, 975 blind, and 675 deaf and dumb. Out of a total of 91,997 insane returned in 1880, 44,408 were males and 47,589 females; 65,851 were natives and 26,346 were foreign; 83,840 were white and 6,157 colored. We see, therefore, that insanity attacks more women than men. Of idiots, however, the total of 86,895 was made up of 45,200 males and 41,695 females. The negro population, too, is much more liable to idiocy than insanity, the number of colored idiots being 9,570, to 6,157 lunatics. The foreign population, however, contributed only 4,007 to the idiots, while its insane numbered 26,346.

CHICAGO is getting up quite an excitement over the mayoralty question. Carter Harrison, the present mayor of the city, is a candidate for re-election, on the Democratic ticket, and is supported by an exceedingly strong ring and if the feeling against him had not grown to such formidable size, he could easily secure a re-election. The public sentiment of the better class of Chicago's citizens is against him and the Christian sentiment is thoroughly aroused to secure his defeat. A committee of citizens who are ready to start an independent reform movement and a committee of the Republicans have agreed upon candidates for a "law and order" ticket.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL HOWE is the first member of the cabinet who has died in office since the death of Secretary of War Rawlins in 1869. The following are mentioned as possible candidates for the vacancy: First Assistant Postmaster-General Hatton, Chauncey L. Filley of Missouri, ex-Congressman Butterworth of Ohio, ex-Senator [?] and the Hon. John C. New. The only other postmaster-general who died in the service was Aaron V. Brown of Tennessee, March 8, 1839. It is mentioned as a singular coincidence that since May last ex-Postmaster-Generals Dennison of Maryland and Jewell have died.

THE New York legislature has passed a bill permitting the sale of ice-cream on Sunday. Some good people feel bad about it, but we are inclined to think it will promote public order and morality after all, as it will prevent many young men from escorting the girls home from church on Sunday nights.

THE cost of the proposed canal for uniting the Bay of Biscay with the Mediterranean is now estimated at \$248,000,000, the length of the canal being some 270 miles. Engineers speak confidently of the feasibility of the vast undertaking.

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